

26 October 1949

MEMORANDUM FOR: ORE Division Chiefs

SUBJECT: Mission and Duties of OSI

1. Confirming the announcement at the Staff Meeting on 23 October 1949, forwarded herewith is the introductory portion of the long-promised and longer delayed "OSI Plan", together with Tabs A and B thereto.

2. In particular, your comments and recommendations are desired with respect to Tab B, Allocation of OSI's Area of Responsibility Among the Divisions of OSI. However, comments on Tab A will be gratefully received. It is felt that comments on the introductory portion of the basic paper should be withheld until the entire paper can be reviewed. The purpose in forwarding the introductory portion is to provide orientation as to Tabs A and B.

3. It is believed that Tab A will be of assistance in preparing the comments requested in memorandum dated 19 October 1949, subject: Division of Responsibilities Between ORE and OSI. Division Chiefs who have already submitted their comments pursuant to the latter memorandum may desire to revise them in the light of Tab A. It should be kept in mind that agreement between ORE and OSI as to the details of their respective jurisdictions may require certain exceptions to the area of responsibility delineated in Tab A. For example, it may be decided that OSI, rather than ORE, should follow production of HW and CW agents. On completion of the OSI plan, it is contemplated that jurisdictional agreements with ORE will be negotiated.

4. It is desired that the comments requested herein be submitted by 1700 hours, 1 November 1949. In order to permit revision of the comments requested in the memorandum referred to in paragraph 3 above, the deadline for compliance with that memorandum is changed from 26 October to 1700 hours, 1 November 1949.

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